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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: American Legion Aviators' Valor Award

1. Purpose. To solicit nominations for the 2004 American Legion Aviators' Valor Award.

2. Points of interest and facts.

a. The American Legion Aviators' Post 743, founded in 1922, is the only "Aviation" American Legion Post. Post 743 is seeking nominations for its prestigious, federally recognized, annual aviators' valor award. The award recognizes acts of aerial valor, in or out of combat, and offers it to all of the military services.

b. Nominees must be rated aviators who have accomplished a conspicuous act of valor or courage during aerial flight within the 2004 calendar year. Nominees must be active duty Army or National Guard/Reserve serving on active duty. Civilian employees of the Army are not eligible. The American Legion recognizes that extraordinary aviation feats often require the efforts of an entire crew. However, they ask that nominations be limited to that single aviator who best exemplifies the heroism of the entire crew.

c. Nominations should include a brief narrative of the valorous act, the citation to accompany the award, biographical data, and a photograph of the nominee. The winner will be determined by a selection board at Fort Rucker and approved by the Commander, USAAVNC.

d. All nominations should be sent to: Commander, USAAVNC, ATTN: ATZQ-AP, Bldg. 4103, Gladiator Street, Fort Rucker, Alabama, 36362-5035 and must be received NLT 15 February 2005. The winner will be invited to attend the Post 743 awards banquet, at Fort Hamilton, New York. The awards banquet is typically held in May. The nominating unit is responsible for funding the winner's travel. The American Legion Post has generously offered to pay all travel and accommodation fees for the winner's spouse.

3. Point of contact is: ATZQ-AP, DSN 558-1419/1425 or commercial (334) 255-1419/1425. Fax is DSN 558-2639 or commercial (334) 255-2639. E-mail address is ATZQAP@rucker.army.mil

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